



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

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Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 308. Councilmember Joyce Clark participated in the groundbreaking of Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 308's new and permanent home at Glendale's airport. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a congressionally chartered, federally supported, non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP is a volunteer organization with an aviation-minded membership that includes people from all backgrounds, lifestyles and occupations. Representative Jerry Weiers, a long-time CAP member, avid pilot and Glendale resident, was instrumental in procuring this permanent base of operations. The hangar is scheduled to be completed by July of this year.



Recycling Program Expansion. On April 4, the city of Glendale will begin accepting additional plastics in its recycling collection program, the first expansion of curbside recycling since the city launched the program 11 years ago.

Previously the city recycled only plastics 1 and 2, which includes items such as PET products (water and soda bottles) and HDPE products (milk jugs, coffee creamers, juice bottles, detergent and fabric softener bottles).

Starting April 4, residents can also recycle plastics 3 – 7 which means most hard plastics will now be part of the program. Manufacturers mark the bottom of plastic items with a recycling symbol along with a number in the middle.

The most common items in the 3-7 category are:

- beverage cups
- margarine and sour cream tubs
- plastic food packaging such as take-out food containers
- yogurt containers

Sanitation officials estimate that expanding the program will keep an additional 150 tons of waste out of the landfill each year. That's the equivalent of filling a 5,000 square foot home. Plastics 1 and 2, at more than 800 tons, will remain the bulk of the plastics that are collected in the city recycling program.

Although most plastics will now be recyclable in Glendale, some items will still not be collected. These include low-density polyethylene (dry cleaning and grocery bags, produce bags, shrink-wrap, bubble wrap) and Styrofoam (egg cartons, hot beverage containers, packing for electronics, packing peanuts). While

not allowed in home pick-up, plastic grocery and dry cleaning bags can be recycled at major grocery chains that have collection bins.

The new plastics are expected to add \$12,000 in revenue to the \$350,000 currently collected by the city for the sale of recyclable plastic commodities. There will be no additional operating or processing costs to expand the program.

However, city officials say the bigger motivator is simply that "recycling is the right thing to do." Research shows it takes 100 to 400 years for plastics to breakdown in a landfill.

Refrigerator magnets that list items the city recycles are available by calling the Sanitation Department at 623-930-2660. For more details on recycling in Glendale, [click here](#).

Residents' Input Sought on GO Transportation Program. Residents are invited to attend an open house to get an update on transportation projects included in the Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. The GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

This opportunity will give residents a chance to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program.

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city's GO Transportation Program. To date, GO program efforts have resulted in expanded transit services, and enhanced traffic flow and safety on Glendale streets and at intersections. There has also been further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Many additional improvements are scheduled for construction during the next several years. These projects will be featured at the open house and in the GO Program Annual Report.

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report. For more information on Glendale's transportation program or the upcoming open house, call 623-930-2940.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. Join us for the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. This is a ride for all levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. [Click here](#) to register online.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Green Festival, March 26. The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. [Click here](#) for event details.

Acoustic Jam. The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style with fellow musicians. The jam sessions are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. An audience is welcome. The next Acoustic Jam is scheduled on March 30. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Glendale Presents the 28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival April 9-10. The city of Glendale's 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10. The jazz headliners, Randy Brecker and John Abercrombie, are both nationally renowned artists that will amaze audiences. Headlining the Blues stage are Curtis Salgado and Shemekia Copeland. [Read More.](#)

National Take Back Day. The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation's homes. The "National Take Back Initiative Day" will be on Saturday, April 30 at **two** Glendale locations! We will be at the Target parking lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. (Peoria & 43rd) and in the parking lot at Cabela's at 9830 West Glendale Ave. Glendale's collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is the opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2571.

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